REIGN OF MAMMON

Vast Pervading Demoralization Which Thoughtul Persons Perceive.

GREED OF WEALTH.

the Senate, College and Church, as Well as in the Market, Shop and Parlor, Its Baleini Spirit is Evident

The corrupting influence of the preng spirit and methods of business in these days has had some recent illustrations. There are the in the senate, the Cuban frauds, the affair of the e bank in Boston, the manipulaof the American Steel and Wire any's credit in the stock market, to mention other cases that will y occur to our renders. These only symptomatic of a vast perg demoralization which thoughtersons perceive. It appears on des and among all classes. There legradation of the notions of honor integrity the may well occasion it is not more evident in the that are notorious than in the in which the guilty are often accal certainty are as guilty as their | Hest nethods, but more successful in escapas exposure, suffer little from disap-

We are not sure that we have not en the senate too much credit for Speaking of the committee's pown, we assumed that he was a asgraced man who could not remain inding was such that, if by any means be could continue a member, he would e disagreeably lonesome among hon-, rable men, would be treated with a ing the proceedings of Inesday, we begin to doubt our judgment. The senators appear to have swarmed around this person at the conclusion of his address in derogation of the verdict, and offered their sympathetic congratulations, much as soft-hearted and romantic women gather around some cruel law has condemned to die for the safety of the community. What does such a scene mean? Is this Clark a ellow who secured an election to the senate by foul and disgraceful briberies, whom the honor of the senate required to be expelled, or is he a gentleman of approved integrity and merit? If he omes back in another way, will be be ht senator?

We know that one man has gone to all, a confessed criminal, on secount the wreck of the Globe bank. It is not believed that he is the only guilty person in this business, the only one the knew, or had good reason to beheve, that the bank's funds were being misused, and hoped to make a personal There is in all the s it strange that young men, when they see their elders and leaders in a for the maxims of honesty and prudence? They observe that the man who succeeds suffers no loss of respect methods, if fully revealed, would not bear investigation by a grand jury. If he is sharp enough to carry through his shady speculation safely, with a fortune to his credit, who thinks the surse of him? Who will venture to discriminate against him in the busitees world? Who at his club will give him the cold shoulder?

When the slaveholders of this counand to Daniel O'Connell he returned il, saying: "I do not want your bloodstained money." Are any American churches or colleges, moral reform ussociations, refusing blood stained money? There is abundance of it about, money that represents the ernelly ruined business and homes of tens of thousands of honest, industhous citizens, rained for no other reaand than because the action would augment the personal fortunes of those also had the power to do the wrong. has is known of all men. Does it tend to make the great throng of truggling, ambitious youth in the and careful to do justice and love mercy? Does it serve to impress them with the wisdom of old maxims about patient industry and steady, it slow, acimulation of savings? Does it exembify in their sight lessons of integrity and honor? Does it instruct in fidelity ardianship?

Whether the apparent increase of throon worship in the world is an colute increase or only seems so, beise it has a new development of ineasity and boldness, is a question it sy not be worth while to discuss. here can be no doubt that in this untry it has bad a vast growth in duonableness and in power over the leals and the motives of the people The enormous increase of national realth and individual fortunes, the umber of those to whom the accumu ation of money is their single engrossng aim and its possession their suffiof moral obligations and common rights felt as well as ever." Sold by H C lets. Every box guaranteed. Price y the plethorie rich, the flaunting ex-

hibition of seifish and wanton luxury in the eyes of all the people-these are phenomena which no observant citizen, reflecting on the commercial, political and social phases of modern life in the

United States can deny or ignore. It is an ancient idolatry. There have been tides in its prevalence and variety in its forms; but in all lands and times But watch the other fellow, for he may it has had its devotees, its altars and its ceremonials. Like most vices it has a root in normal propriety, necessity, and usefulness. It becomes a delusion a scandal and a curse in its abnormal, buman nature there is unberent tendency. We shall never be quite rid of it, until rid of all sin and crime; but it can be carbed by Christian discipline. But by right conscience, by a wholesome public spirit, and in its grosser induce ments, by the criminal law. When it Now, you, of course, would not abuse masters the energy and the conscience of a people, their corruption tends to a

The greed of wealth is a seductive and treacherous aspect of unrighteons ness, asserting the falsehood that a man's life consists in the multitude of the things that he possesses. It is the great hardener of hearts. It knows neither justice nor mercy. It befouls charity with insincerity and ostenta-tation. It poisons the ingeniousness of youth, pollutes the wisdom of life makes age unvenerable and death a degradation. Yet the conviction can hardly be avoideded that this insube greed has become the controlling passion to the lives of a large and influen tial body of our people. It sways every aspiration and rules every activand flattered, provided they are ity with a presuming and audacious Hundreds and thousands who to authority never before so plainly man-

In the senate, the college and the church, as well as in the market, the But shop and the parlor, it makes its baleful spirit evident. The worst of the matter is that there seems to be a steady increase of cringing submission chet against Chark when it became to its assumptions and its demands, less independence of its behests, less confidence in the superiority of other mothat body, for the odium of this tives and other satisfactions, less contentment with modest compensations of industry, less cheerfulness in conscious rectitude in an humble lot, in sobriety, in frugality, in sacrifice, in oldness no one could endure. Read. domestic simplicity, in social helpful. The moral of the thing is this: We've

The Shame of It.

The Washington Post, an independent fournal, has an article with Just take your chances at the wheel, ample indignation in it invoked by the scandaious revelations made in And work the other fellow, while he the Cuban service of the government. sweet-mannered murderer whom the The Boston Herald says it emphasizes the need of the most scatning condemnation of the action, and particularly calls for the magnitude of the crime not being lessened in the public mind by an effort to conceal its im- satisfaction by going to law are the portance. It is more than an instance lawyers? of individual wrong-doing. There is involved in it the most serious national disgrace. The Washington Post home and kick at a good dinner? says on the point:

We advise the powers that be that this hideous scandal in Cuba cannot as a badge of wisdom without investisafely be treated as a case of mere yulgar embezzlement and breach of trust. We tell them and we know whereof we speak that every American who lar bonnet will kick the hardest about loves his country and holds its honor putting a nickle in the contribution arge cities an amount of bold gambling sacred regards this frightful business a stocks that could not be carried on in Havana as a personal sorrow, and That when a woman has no diasubout the countenance of the banks. humiliation. It strikes him as a trea- monds she thinks it inelegant and vulthey encourage it and profit by it. son committed against the nation as gar for other ladies to wear such prea betrayal and degradation of the flag. cious stones? He is not to be cajoled with the propom such ways, learn to have contempt sition that this is a mere official delin- judge a man's character by the prayers STOP at the quency. He knows that we took up he offers in church? Swap horses with the cause of Cuba as altruists and him once, and then if his trading is in missionaries. He knows that we went harmony with his prayers he will do on account of a suspicion that his there in the guise of unselfish and to trust. heaven-sent redeemers. He knows that we prated to Christendom of our home and public life is often very difholy mission, and he remembers how ferent? Some people who are smiles we qualified the declaration of war and complacency abroad are petty tywith the unctuous pledge of piety. rants at home, and make the lives of And we all know now that our professions have been put to shame-that, after taking possession of Cuba in the name of God, we have plundered and try sent a contribution in aid of Ire- despoiled it as the most ruthless buccanneers of the last century could You could not lure a slave to work as scarce have done.

famy can be husbed and set aside and millions today. Still they can't unhidden from the public gaze by a pre- derstand the beauties of nature, litertence of vigor and an alluring travesty ature, art or music. They go to sleep of indignation, must be drunk with when the prima donna is singing. eminence and power. He must have "Young man, dare to be poor. Beforgotten his own thoughts and senti- lieve, like Thoreau, in plain living and ments and lost his hold upon the feel- high thinking. ings of his fellow citizens. We declare . Marry the girl of your choice, even that this is the most ghastly and ab if you have only one room to live in. horrent stain that has ever been put The state will be the richer for it if upon the escuteneon of the nation. If you do. It will not go to the devil. there be any man within our boun- But it may soon if men postpone mardaries who does not feel that he has riage until forty been betrayed and stabbed in his own "Most of you have never learned person, then he is no true patriot, no that the secret of human happiness is genuine American.

and satisfaction that I recommend in nature. The man who goes through e must depend to civilze and elevate | Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarbe peoples that have come under our rhoen remedy," says Druggist A W does not need to go to the art galleries. Sawtelle of Hartford, Conn. "A lady customer, seeing the remedy exposed to get a few things to get a little fur. for sale on my show case, said to me: niture. Your wives are killing them-I really believe that medicine saved selves in polishing furniture and in my life the past summer while at the looking after large homes of eight or shore, and she became so enthusiastic more rooms when they might be out over its merits that I at once made in the midst of the beauties of nature. up my mind to recommend it in the How poor we are to be housed up future. Recently a gentleman came when we might be out in the woods into my store so overcome with colic and fields learning the message of pains that he sank at once to the Christ as Thoreau didf'-Rev. Newell floor. I gave him a dose of this rem- Dwight Hillis. edy which helped him. 1 repeated the dose and in I5 minutes he left the store, smilingly informing me that he Chamberlain's stomach and liver tab-

The Other Fellow Working You. Working is a simple term by common

sense defined 'hustlers," 'get there," "shake a leg," in larguage unrefined. We're working something all the time.

no matter what we do, be working you.

instance, there are business schemes in which you would in-

perverted development, to which in Your friend decides to let you in be cause he loves you best.

> doesn't wish to make a cent. per haps, it may be true. keep your eye upon your friend

he may be working you. the friendship of a man.

when you see a dollar you will

seize it if you can. would not work a friend oh, no; for friends are very few;

But look out for your warmest friend; he may be working you! You have a friend in business who will

sell your goods at cost, He does so just to please you; no mat-

ter what he's lost. bows and scrapes and thanks you just as other people do: never for a moment would you think he's working you!

You work a snap yourself sometimes, And in a quite way invite your friends to join the dance and then the fiddlers pay.

They don't know what you're driving at, because the scheme is new; while you're working all your friends, perhaps they're working you!

Today your bank account's run short. you simply borrow ten. And pay it back tomorrow with pro-

foundest thanks, and then Your friend returns the compliment. but multiplied by two;

You thought that you were working him, while he was working you!

all an ax to grind; And if you wait until your turn, you may be left behind;

as most of us must do: thinks he's working you! VIC. J. SUEMANN

Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Do You Know

That about the only men who get

That a man will praise a free lunch of cheese and crackers and then go That bald-headed men may be wise,

but it isn't safe to accept a bald nead That the woman with a twenty dol-

That it is not a safe standard to

That the difference between the other members of the family miserable. -St. Louis Humorist.

Slaves to Money-getting.

"We are a race of money-getters. hard as some of our millionaires of He who tells himself that this in- seventy years of age work for their

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